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DETECTOR AND ELEVATOR SYSTEM

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.